Levy of tax on British Indian cars entering Travancore territory.

47. *Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether cars registered in British India entering into Travancore pay tax similar to that paid by cars from Travancore before entering British Indian territories ?

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar : No.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai : May I know from the member whether it is possible for us to tax British Indian cars when they enter Travancore territory ?

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar : It is not impossible.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai : May I know from the member whether it is not advisable for the Government—

President : That is asking for opinion.

Visits of the Excise Commissioner to Cochin on official business.

48. *Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai (*Municipal Councils*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many times a year has the Excise Commissioner to go to Cochin in connection with official business ;

(*b*) the number of times he has gone to Cochin on busienss in 1108 and in 1109 up to the end of Idavom ;

(*c*) the amount of T. A. he got for each trip to Cochin and back ;

(*d*) how many times he has gone on inspection tour to North Travancore during 1108 and in 1109 up to the end of Idavom; and

(*e*) whether such tours are arranged along with the programme of visits to Cochin or whether they are undertaken separately ; and if undertaken separately, whether there are any special reasons in doing so ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan (*Excise Commissioner*) : (*a*) It is not possible to state the exact number of times the Excise Commissioner has to go to Cochin on official business. That will depend upon the number of meetings of the Cochin Port Conservancy Board held in each year.

(*b*) 10 times in 1108 and 9 times in 1109 up to the end of Idavom.

(*c*) The information is not available, as trips are not always undertaken merely to Cochin and back and as travelling allowance is not calculated separately for such trips.

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[Mr. C. O. Madhavan.]

(*d*) The number of purely inspection tours to Quilon and other places to the north was 4 in 1108 and 5 in 1109 up to the end of Idavom. During 7 trips in 1108 and 7 trips in 1109 to Cochin, inspection and other works were also undertaken.

(*e*) Tours of inspection to places on the way to Cochin are, as far as possible, arranged along with the trips to Cochin.

Refusal of Government authorities to accept Sirkar coins.

49. ***Mr. G. Naravana Aiyar** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government authorities at the salt depot at Munambom invariably refuse to accept Travancore Government coins from the merchants when tendered as the price of salt purchased?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: Government have no information.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know from the member whether British Indian one anna nickel coins and other copper coins are accepted in Government Treasuries as legal tender?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: Sir, I do not think that that arises as a supplementary question. The main question relates to the acceptance of Travancore currency at the Munambam Depot. The present question is for the Financial Secretary to answer.

President: I have no objection to the Financial Secretary answering it.

Mr. R. Nilakanta Pillai (*Financial Secretary to Government*): No, they are not legal tender.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know from the member whether such coins are not declared as un-current coins?

Mr. R. Nilakanta Pillai: When remitted by the Post Office or by the Devaswom Department, or the Salt Depot, or the Tobacco Depot, they are accepted in the Treasuries.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: When deposited by private individuals, are they accepted?

Mr. R. Nilakanta Pillai: In case of absolute necessity, they are also accepted. There is no difficulty in regard to these coins.

Ayurvedic dispensary at Puttenchira.

50. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the public of Puttenchira pakuthi have memorialised them for opening an Ayurvedic dispensary at Puttenchira and for the sanctioning of a grant to the Ayurvedic physician who is now conducting a dispensary there?

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